GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF NATIONAL MAP POLICY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Google has allegedly violated Indian National Map Policy by mapping sensitive areas and Defence installation in Mapathon, 2013 conducted by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) M/s. Google India Pvt. Ltd., without any approval of Ministry of Defence or any other agency of Government, conducted the Mapathon 2013 competition during 12 February 2013 to 25 March 2013 and collected data, including classified data, in violation of the National Map Policy-2005.

(c) An official complaint (FIR) has been lodged by Survey of India with the Delhi Police in February, 2013 Presently Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is investigating the case.